

REMARKS

I. Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement requiring the Applicant to elect one of three inventions. The Applicant elects Species III and the corresponding claims 18-24 for prosecution on the merits. The Applicant requests that the non-elected claims 1-17 and 25-33 be canceled without prejudice.

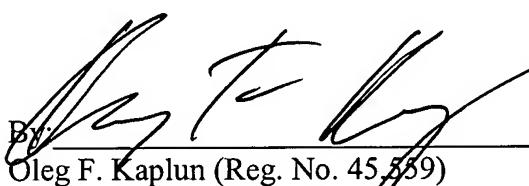
II. Newly Added Claims

The Applicant has added new claims 34-46 to the present application. The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 34-46 contain no new matter and are allowable as presented.

III. Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims 18-24 and 34-46 are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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